



5TH DISTRICT NEWS



DWIGHT PELZ

A REPORT FROM KING COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER DWIGHT PELZ

March 2001

Dear Friends,

Since I became your County Councilmember, **the #1 issue** for the residents of the Boulevard Park area has been the desire to see the area cleaned up. Almost everyone takes great pride in their homes and are rightfully distressed to see abandoned cars, litter, and other debris cluttering their neighborhood.

We began our battle to wipe out some of the worst offenders when the Boulevard Park Community Council and I launched a program called the "Dirty Dozen". The "Dirty Dozen" allowed area residents to select the twelve worst sites in the community that they wanted cleaned up. After that list was created, we worked with King County Code Enforcement officers to place a high priority on these sites and use all legal channels to pressure the homeowner to clean up their site and bring it into compliance with County code. Thanks to your participation, the program has successfully cleaned up several of the worst offenders in the community.

This year we are adding fresh troops to the battle. This is now the fourth year that I have gained funding for a joint King County and Department of Corrections workcrew that will travel the area picking up litter, painting out graffiti, and aiding with salmon habitat restoration in places like Hamm Creek. I was also successful this year is getting a second

workcrew that will be sent specifically to the Boulevard Park/North Highline area to dispose of trash from streets and parks.

While we have made progress in the "Clash of the Trash", I am convinced we can do more to crack down on those neighbors who allow their homes to be turned into junkyards. This newsletter highlights some of the resources and programs in your area that can improve your quality of life in Boulevard Park. I hope that you will use these resources and events to help lay the foundation for future improvements throughout your community.

Meeting
Notice

DIRTY DOZEN 2001

It is time to choose the "**Dirty Dozen, 2001.**" Citizens will select this year's "Dirty Dozen" at the **March 13th meeting** of the Boulevard Park Community Council. I encourage you to attend this meeting and nominate those homes or businesses in the community that you feel need the most attention.

The meeting will take place:

- **Tuesday, March 13th**
- **7:00 pm**
- **Boulevard Park Place (2805 S. 125th Street, at the intersection of Military Road and S. 125th.)**

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- Important information inside:**
- Select this year's "Dirty Dozen" at the **March 13th meeting** of the **Boulevard Park Community Council**
 - **March 17th Bulky Garbage Clean Up** Event

BULKY GARBAGE CLEAN-UP EVENT

On March 17th, King County is sponsoring a **Bulky Garbage Clean Up Event** at Evergreen High School (830 SW 116th Street), where there will be large dumpsters at your disposal. This event supports long-standing community efforts to beautify the area and combat illegal dumping. It is your opportunity to rid your house of non-recyclable garbage or trash that's too large to fit into a garbage can. People that are elderly, disabled and low-income who cannot make it to the event are eligible for a one-time pick-up at your home at no cost. Not all trash will be accepted at this event, so please call 1-800-833-6388 for more information.

WORKCREW

The work crew that I secured through the most recent budget process will clean up public spaces in the Boulevard Park/North Highline area. This work crew can help in cleaning up trash, uprooting blackberries and ivy, and other projects throughout the community. If you

know of sites that could benefit from the work crew's manpower, please call my office at 296-1005.

FUTURE LEGISLATION

Over the coming months, I will propose legislation to give Code Enforcement more tools to clean up code violators in the community. Working with County Executive Ron Sims I will also look at methods to make it easier for the Sheriff's Office to get abandoned and junk cars out of the right-of-way. I believe changes to the current practices here at the County will help us reduce caseloads and make these departments as effective as they can be.

I encourage you to take advantage of these programs to make Boulevard Park a beautiful place to live. Please feel free to contact me about this or any other matter involving the County at 206-296-1005, or e-mail me at dwight.pelz@metrokc.gov.